

REMARKS

By the present amendments, Applicants are identifying on page 1 of their specification a prior U.S. application being relied upon under 35 USC §120, consistent with the requirements of 35 USC §120. This amendment to the specification also identifies this prior U.S. application as a national stage application of International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP00/06403. This amendment to the specification further incorporates the subject matter of this prior U.S. application by reference in the above-identified application, in its entirety.

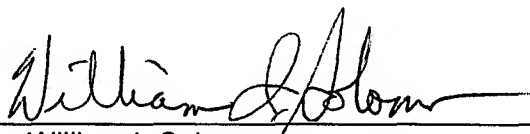
Noting particularly that the Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.63 being filed in the above-identified application is a copy of the Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.63 originally filed in No. 09/913,739, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification do not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 396.40503X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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